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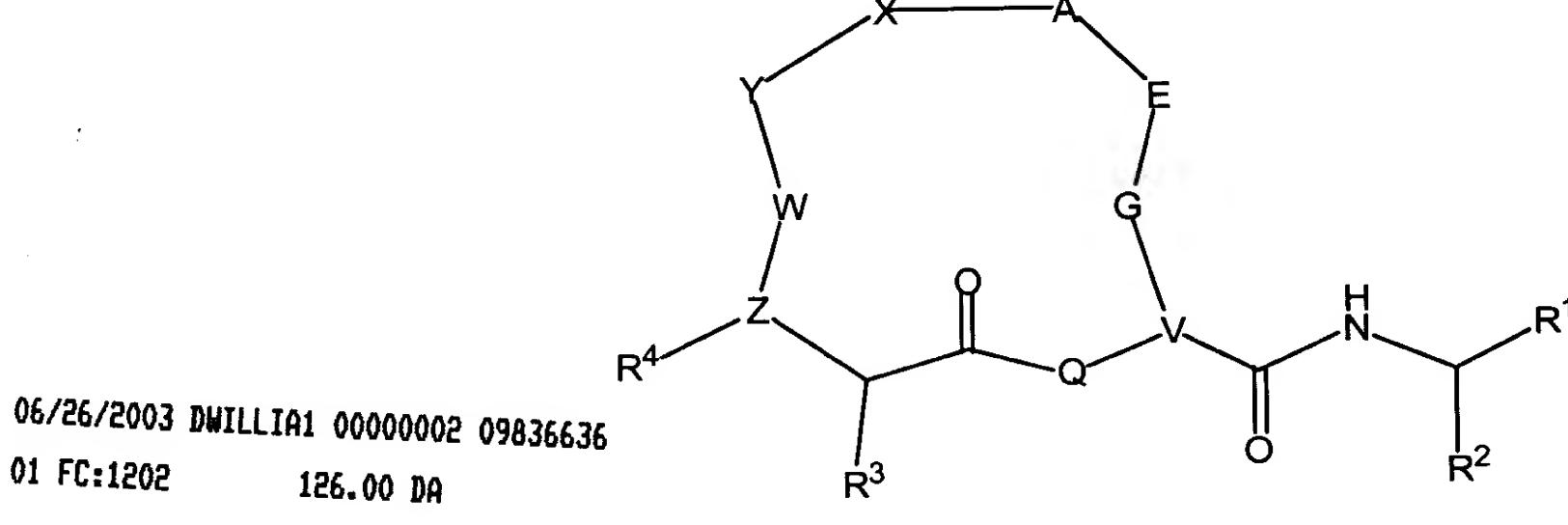
<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Official Action dated May 5, 2003, on the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment. The following is a clean copy of the amended claims. The marked-up version with the lines and brackets is attached separately. Please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (amended): A macrocyclic compound, or enantiomers, stereoisomers, rotomers or tautomers of said compound, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates of said compound, said compound having the general structure shown in Formula I:



Formula I

wherein:

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